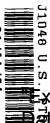


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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Naoya Hasegawa
 for Spin Valve Thin Film Magnetic Element and Method of Manufacturing the Same.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment with attached Appendix A
- ☒ 118 pages of application (including title page), 20 sheets of formal drawings and the following Appendices: n/a
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- ☒ Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to: Alps Electric Co., Ltd.
- ☒ Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document and certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-261945
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references A1-A10

| Claims as Filed | Col. 1 | Col. 2 |
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